

The volume of potential mobile subscriber in a place would vary with service providers depending upon coverage, tariff plan etc., this can be accessed at the time of introduction of service by various service providers.

(c) and (d) No cellular service is being provided within the Indian territory by operators from Bangladesh. However, it was reported that mobile signal of service provider of Bangladesh is available in some places in the villages along the international border. The presence of signals of mobile operators of Bangladesh within the geographical territory of India is being handled by the Ministry of External Affairs at diplomatic level with the Government of Bangladesh.

Policy for Infrastructural Development

135. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive policy for infrastructural development in the country particularly in the North Eastern Region; and
- (b) if so, the details of the projects undertaken by Government for execution, in the NER, during the last three years alongwith the funds allocated and utilized, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach for the development of infrastructure which includes, *inter alia* Central Sector Schemes, Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Plan Assistance to States and transfers under successive Finance Commission Awards. In addition, for North Eastern Region, projects are funded under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and the North-Eastern Council (NEC). External Aid, both multilateral and bilateral, has also been mobilized.

The Central Government have also notified a scheme for financial support to infrastructure projects that are to be taken up through Public Private Partnership (PPP). The details of the scheme are available on the website: www.infrastructure.gov.in. State Governments, including those in the North-East region, can avail of assistance for viability gap funding under the scheme.

(b) The Ministry for the Development of the North-East Region sanctions infrastructure development projects under the schemes of Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and North Eastern Council (NEC). The details of projects for which funds have been allocated during the last three years under these two schemes are available on the Ministry's websites: www.mdoner.gov.in and www.mdoner.gov.in/index3.asp?ssid=148 respectively.

The status of allocation of funds and expenditure byway of releases to the North-East States and other agencies for these Schemes during the last three years is as under:

Scheme	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
NLCPR	550.00	550.00	650.00	650.00	679.17	679.17
NEC	499.86	497.61	498.72	498.72	458.54	460.15

**Proposal for developing Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi R.M.H.
Tezpur**

136. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for developing Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Mental Hospital, Tezpur through NEC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what steps the N EC has taken to protect the status of the employees of the above hospital after taking over from the State Government;
- (d) whether DONER has its independent budgetary provision; and
- (e) the details of the financial assistance given by NEC to private hospitals/nursing homes in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) In December, 1997, the Government of India accorded sanction to the North Eastern Council (NEC),